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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FEBVRE ET AL.

Examiner

Tu X. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 14, 18, 19, 26 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-12, 15-17 and 20-25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18, 19, 26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 18-19 and 26-27 have been considered but are not persuasive.

In response to applicants argue, "Monte generally, do not teach or suggest, at least, "transmitting to each of said transceivers a forward frequency channel allocation signal indicating an allocation of one or more forward frequency channels which that transceiver is to receive," as recited in independent claim 19. The Examiner respectfully disagrees, Monte disclose "a pilot channel enable a terminal to acquire the timing of the forward CDMA channel" (col.9 lines 1-2) and "a message on the forward link paging channel assigning a Walsh code to the user terminal to establish a traffic channel" (see col.9 lines 64-65).

In response to applicants argue, "Monte describes that the return link may or may not be assigned a different channel than the channel assigned on the forward link. (Monte, col. 4, lines 5-14). However, Monte does not teach or suggest, at least, that a respective return channel allocation signal is transmitted "in at least one of said forward frequency channels assigned to the transceiver," as recited in independent claim 19. The Examiner respectfully disagrees, Monte disclose, as mention above "a message on the forward link paging channel assigning a Walsh code to the user terminal to establish a traffic channel" (see col.9 lines 64-65), and more emphasis "the user is assigned the same forward and return link RF channel for each of the satellites" (col.4 lines 11-14).

In response to applicants argue, "In further support of the rejection, the Examiner cites a passage in Monte which appears to describe that a resource allocation (RA) module assigns channels, maximum power levels, etc. to individual ones of the gateways. (Monte, col. 11, line 60 - col. 12, line 11). However, this passage and Monte generally, do not teach or suggest, at least, that "for each forward frequency channel, a set of preferred return frequency channels is stored, such that for each of said transceivers to which a specified one of said forward frequency channels is allocated, the allocated one or more return frequency channels is preferentially selected from said corresponding set of preferred return frequency channels," as recited in independent claim 19. The Examiner respectfully disagrees, Monte disclose a database for channel allocation (fig.2, element62) and as mention above, Monte disclose, as mention above "a message on the forward link paging channel assigning a Walsh code to the user terminal to establish a traffic channel" (see col.9 lines 64-65), and more emphasis "the user is assigned the same forward and return link RF channel for each of the satellites" (col.4 lines 11-14).

In response to applicants argue, Monte do not disclose "channel is shared with transmission by other transceivers". However, Monte disclose "the communications feeder links all shared the C band antennas" with broadest reasonable interpretation.

In response to applicants argue, Monte do not disclose "channel determined according to the predicted demand". However, Monte disclose "The outputs of the LTP and TA are fed to a Capacity Planning (CAP) module which predicts future demand on the system based on the historical demand (col.11 lines 64-65).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 18-19 and 26-27, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Monte et al. (US Patent 6,023,606).

Regarding claim 18, Monte et al. disclose detecting the content of said monitored data, wherein the demand for capacity is predicted according to said content (see col.1 lines 51-64).

Regarding claim 19, Monte et al. disclose a method of allocating frequency channels to a plurality of wireless transceivers, comprising:

transmitting to each of said transceivers a forward frequency channel allocation signal indicating an allocation of one or more forward frequency channels which that transceiver is to receive (see col.8 line 65 through col.9 line 5); and

transmitting to each of said transceivers, in at least one said forward frequency channels assigned to that transceiver, a respective return channel allocation signal indicating an allocation of one or more return frequency channels in which that transceiver may transmit (see col.4 lines 5-14);

wherein, for each forward frequency channel, a set of preferred return frequency channels is stored, such that for each of said transceivers to which a specified one of said forward frequency channels is allocated (see col.11 line 60 through col.12 line 11), the allocated

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one or more return frequency channels is preferentially selected from said corresponding set of preferred return frequency channels (see col.4 lines 5-13).

Regarding claim 26, Monte et al. disclose a method of controlling transmission by a wireless transceiver in a channel shared with transmission by other transceivers (see col.11 lines 11-12), comprising:

monitoring data transmitted to said transceiver (see col.6 lines 54-55);

predicting, on the basis of said monitoring step, a demand for capacity in said channel by said transceiver (see col.1 line 64 through col.2 line 5), and

transmitting to said transceiver an allocation signal indicating an allocation in said channel determined according to said predicted demand (see col.2 lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 27, Monte et al. disclose including generating a statistical model based on previous traffic flow to and from wireless transceivers, wherein the demand for capacity is predicted according to said statistical model (see col.11 lines 61-65).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-14, are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding independent claim 13, the prior arts fail to disclose "wherein said repeat parameter indicates a range and includes an increment by which said range is increased after each repetition of step a and b", as cited in the claim.

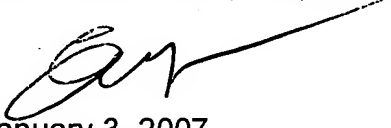
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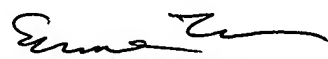
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7883.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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